



People undergoing TB screening and sputum collection after a meeting in Homa Bay County to engage and sensitize Muslim religious leaders on TB. Photo credit: Zacheus Muiruri/Komesha TB

## KENYA

### KOMESHA TB

The Komesha TB program supports the Division of National Tuberculosis, Leprosy and Lung Disease Program (NTLD-P) in improving TB outcomes at the national, county, sub-county, community, and facility level, with a focus on private, faith-based, and affiliated organizations. The program's objectives are to improve access to high-quality TB services, strengthen service delivery platforms, reduce TB transmission and progression, and accelerate TB research and innovation.

#### OUR WORK

Komesha TB is implemented by the Kenya Conference of Catholic Bishops (KCCB). Through KCCB's structures, collaborations with like-minded stakeholders, and an extended network of health facilities and educational institutions, Komesha TB is reaching out to communities to ensure access to quality TB services and improve overall TB outcomes for those being treated for TB. The program also supported faith-based facilities in mitigating the effects of COVID-19 on the implementation of TB services in the facility and community.

Komesha TB advocates for county-led and country-led implementation, strong health leadership, health system strengthening, and the co-creation of implementation plans to strengthen self-reliance. The program has aligned its processes to support Kenya's 2019-2023 National Strategic Plan for TB, focusing on robust patient-centered management initiatives and social protection for all people with TB.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

Since it started in October 2019, Komesha TB has:

- Collaborated with the NTLD-P and the county health departments to implement TB control activities in facilities and communities.
- Engaged 55 cough monitors, 338 community health volunteers, 40 TB champions, and 67 TB focal persons to strengthen TB control activities.
- Screened at least 1.2 million clients, with community health volunteers referring 5,794 as presumptive cases.
- Initiated TB treatment for 1,793 cases, 56 drug-resistant TB patients, and reached at least 1,861 TB contacts.
- Offered TB preventive therapy to 235 TB contacts, including 192 were children.
- Supported TB sample networking in focus facilities through 19 sample riders weekly.
- Reached 1,718 providers with continuous medical education and on-the-job training on TB.
- Comprehensively trained 129 providers on TB diagnosis, treatment, and prevention.
- Participated in the mid-term review for the TB national strategic plan and guidelines, as well as the review and development of tools.

**BUDGET:** USD \$3,500,000

### DURATION

2019-2024

### ACTIVITY LOCATIONS

Homa Bay, Kisumu, Busia, Siaya, Migori, Kisii, Vihiga, Bungoma, and Kakamega Counties

### IMPLEMENTING PARTNER

Kenya Conference of Catholic Bishops

### KEY PARTNERS

- Ministry of Health
- Division of National Tuberculosis, Leprosy and Lung Disease Program
- County Governments

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